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Summer 2011 ISSUE



Upcoming Events & Programs

Ohio History through Storytelling & Song Featuring Hank Arbaugh

plus

Chillicothe in Story & Song: *Fiction Flirts with Fact* Featuring William "Tom" Thomas

Tuesday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.

at the Ross County Heritage Center
45 West Fifth Street, Chillicothe

Presented in cooperation with the Pump
House Center for the Arts

Co-sponsored by the Ohio Humanities
Council Speakers Bureau

Light refreshment will be served.
(Free & Open to the Public)

Summer Junior Member Program *"Life During the Civil War"*

Wednesday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
at the Ross County Heritage Center

Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Register by calling (740) 772-1936, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Please see page 3 for further details.)

2011 Museum Hours

April — December:
Tuesday — Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed major holidays

2011 McKell Library Hours

1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.
Closed major holidays

Memberships Make Nice Gifts

Memberships to the Ross County Historical Society make thoughtful and inexpensive gifts. Buy them for the history buffs you know by returning the form on page 7. Benefits include free admission to each of our museums and the McKell Library plus discounts at the museum store.

Society Acquires Civil War Collections

The Society recently acquired two collections of documents and artifacts once belonging to two members of the 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band of Civil War fame. Period photographs, handwritten band music books, letters and other items belonging to Private Simon P. Van Pelt (right) who played an E flat over-the-shoulder tuba, and similar items once belonging to John D. Stuckey



(left) who served as Principal Musician, were purchased from the "Horse Soldier" relic shop in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The two collections are great additions to the Society's local Civil War archives and greatly expand the scope of knowledge on the locally raised 73rd OVI Regiment.

We thank the Richard Enderlin Trust for the generous donation that made these acquisitions possible.

Two Receive 2011 Nolan Scholarships

Two 2011 Ross County high school graduates have been awarded college scholarships from the Ross County Historical Society's William H. & Elizabeth Lynch Nolan Scholarship Fund. The recipients are:

Tyler Alexandra Collins, a graduate of Huntington High School and daughter of David and Terry Collins, has been awarded an \$650 scholarship. She will attend Ohio University-Chillicothe this fall.

Chelsea J. Stout, a graduate of Paint Valley High School and daughter of Joyce Stout and the late Charles Stout has been awarded a \$650 scholarship. She will also attend Ohio University-Chillicothe this fall.

The Society congratulates both of these scholars and wishes them success in reaching their academic goals. The Nolan Scholarship was created under the will of the late William H. Nolan, a longtime Historical Society member and local businessman. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis each year to Ross County high school graduates. Students who wish to apply for scholarships in 2012 may obtain application forms from their school guidance counselors.

President's Report, by Bob Nelson

The 115th annual meeting of our Society was held on April 25, 2011, and five positions on the Board of Trustees were filled. Erc Picciano and Julia Pierson were elected to second terms and Robin Mckell, Ron Bowen and Pat Medert were elected to first terms. Chris Harrod had previously been chosen by the trustees to fill the seat vacated by the death of Roscoe Swartz and Chris was elected to complete the final year of Roscoe's term.

The speaker for the annual meeting was Burt Logan, the new Executive Director and CEO of the Ohio Historical Society. He assured us that there is a bright future for local history.

Officers for the coming year were elected at the May 3rd meeting. I am honored to have been elected to serve the Society another year as your president. Other officers are Erc Picciano, 1st vice president; Judy Benson, 2nd vice president; Bob Casari, treasurer; and Tim Barada, secretary.

Not only did we have an excellent annual meeting, but our Spring Speaker Series programs were outstanding. Our Director Tom Kuhn did a marvelous job of scheduling speakers in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The fact that over 260 people attended these three programs is an indication of their popularity.

I have one sad note to report and that is the untimely death of David Carnes. Dave was a long time member of the Board of Trustees, had served on a number of committees and could always be counted on for solid advice and strong support. Dave will be greatly missed.

One final note. The next time you are in the vicinity of the Heritage Center, stop in and see how well the trees are looking in the Evelyn Walker patio – particularly the two Tri-color Beech trees!

Gift Ideas from the Museum Store

New! Church & High Streets, Chillicothe, Ohio: The Buildings & the People & Other Miscellaneous Structures, \$39.95 — the sixth in a series of publications on the structural history of Chillicothe's historic district. This 224 page volume covers the history of one of Chillicothe's oldest and well-preserved residential neighborhoods, by Patricia Fife Medert.

Water Street, Chillicothe, Ohio: Its Buildings and Its People, \$39.95 — the fifth in a series of books on the structural history of Chillicothe's historic district, by Patricia Fife Medert.

Homes of the First Ladies: A Guide to Publicly Accessible Homes, Museums, and Related Sites, \$29.95 — an illustrated guide, by William G. Clotworthy.

More Stories from Chillicothe's Past, \$14.95 — a compilation of 108 additional stories on Chillicothe history by Pat Medert.

The Rise and Fall of Camp Sherman: Ohio's World War One Soldier Factory, \$4.95 — a reprint of Richard Peck's popular pictorial history of Chillicothe's WWI army training camp.

Chillicothe, Ohio: Frontier Settlement to State Capital, \$14.95 — An illustrated history of Chillicothe's founding and role as Ohio's first capital, by Patricia Medert & Andrew Verhoff.

Ohio and Erie Canal Motor Tour: To Circleville from Chillicothe, \$15.00 — an exploration of the remains of this historic waterway, by Martha Gerber Rittinger.

Society members receive a 10% discount on all purchases.

Director's Report, by Tom Kuhn

I would like to congratulate Pat and Dave Medert for being the recipients of the Society's 2011 First Capital Historical Awards. The Society established the awards program in 2009 to publicly recognize individuals and groups who have worked to preserve Ross County's history and to set an example and encourage others in the community to participate actively in local historic preservation. Few people are as deserving of these awards as Pat and Dave. For decades they both have worked tirelessly to expand our understanding of our local past — Pat through her research, writing, and publishing efforts, and her leadership of the Ross County Historical Society; and Dave through his efforts to restore and preserve local veterans' memorials, the creation of the WWII Veterans' Park, and his leadership as National Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Of course, space limits my listing all of their many accomplishments and contributions to the community and its citizens. Suffice it to say, though, that our understanding of Chillicothe, Ross County, the State of Ohio, and our nation has been and continues to be greatly enhanced by both of their efforts.

I also would like to thank Dr. & Mrs. Lewis W. Coppel, Mr. Richard R. Murray, Jr., and the Richard Enderlin Trust for their recent most generous donations. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have been a tremendous help to the Society and we thank each of you for your support.

Welcome New Members

The Society welcomes the following new members since the last issue of the *Recorder*.

Patricia Amole
Joel & Eva Gerber
Roger Graves
Doug & Rosanne Medlin
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Rickey
Linda K. Rinehart
Pete Shaw
Thomas Smallridge, Jr.
Caroline Whitten
James P. Young
Judy Young

The Society's Wish List

Donations of everyday items such as tools and other types of equipment help our staff and volunteers complete a multitude of projects. Recently, the Society received a Black & Decker Workmate from John Overman, a Skil circular saw from Jim Young, wooden coat hangers from Jean Foor, white cotton sheets from Vivian Crowe, and two flats of petunias from The Women's Board of Adena Medical Center — thank you. If you, or anyone you know, has the following items to donate to the Society, please call 772-1936. (We would be happy to make arrangements to pick up your donation.):

1. Hand tools in good condition (all types)

Ross County Historical Society

Invites you to join us for



A Junior Member Program on **LIFE DURING THE CIVIL WAR**

at the

Ross County Heritage Center

45 West Fifth Street, Chillicothe

Wednesday, July 27th

9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Children 6-12 years old are welcome.

Free to Jr. Members, \$10.00 for Non-Members

Payment includes one year's membership.

Space is limited — please call — 772-1936

Registration Deadline — Friday, July 22nd

The Civil War started 150 years ago this year. What was it like to go to war in 1861? What kind of clothes and equipment would you need? What was it like at home for those who stayed? Join us to learn about the life of a Civil War soldier, as well as everyone else who lived in the early 1860's. Crafts, activities and refreshments will help you understand the time of the Civil War, and you're sure to have fun!

From the Archives, by Pat Medert

John Bennett, nationally known author and illustrator of both children and adult fiction, was born May 14, 1865, in Chillicothe. He was the son of John H.B. and Eliza McClintick Bennett and grew up in the house still standing at 76 W. Second St. He was gifted with boundless energy and a creative imagination which served him well as a writer, but which, when unchecked, got him into trouble as a child. I have taken documents from the Bennett Manuscript Collection to write about two of his childhood pranks that he loved to tell and retell to family and friends in his later years.

John grew up knowing about the prehistoric civilizations that had once inhabited Ross County and was familiar with the various artifacts related to their culture. One day while hiking in the hills near town during his fourteenth summer, John found a cluster of sandstone rocks. He selected one of them and began to work the soft stone. After a while, he had what appeared to resemble a dog's head, and then he realized what he could do with it. He carefully sculpted the piece, hollowed out a place for a bowl for a pipe, and "aged" it by adding nicks here and there. He took it home where he put wood ashes and charcoal inside the bowl and emptied it, leaving remnants in the bottom. He had produced what he hoped to pass off as a Mound Builder effigy pipe. Little did the boy realize how successful he was.

John took his creation to Paint Creek where he and his friends frequently swam and carefully placed it in the muddy creek bank with the face of the dog visible. He then rounded up the boys and convinced them it was a perfect day for a swim. It didn't take long for one of the Spetnagel brothers to spot the "artifact," and the boys were so excited by what he had discovered, they abandoned their swim and raced into town with the find. Those who saw it were certain that it was a genuine object, and it was placed in a bank vault for safe keeping. In a few days, it was placed in a velvet lined box and displayed in the window of F. H. Hopkins & Co. jewelry store.

A local paper featured a story about the boys' discovery, and it was picked up by newspapers in Columbus and Cincinnati. Archaeologists and geologists came to Chillicothe to view the pipe and declared it a rare find, claiming that the type of sandstone from which it was made could not be found within hundreds of miles of Chillicothe. The outside interest in the alleged artifact was cause for concern for Bennett. When the Smithsonian Institution expressed an interest in the pipe, he realized he could be in real trouble. In a letter to Eugene Rigney, director of RCHS, on Dec. 15, 1948, he wrote of his dilemma and its resolution.

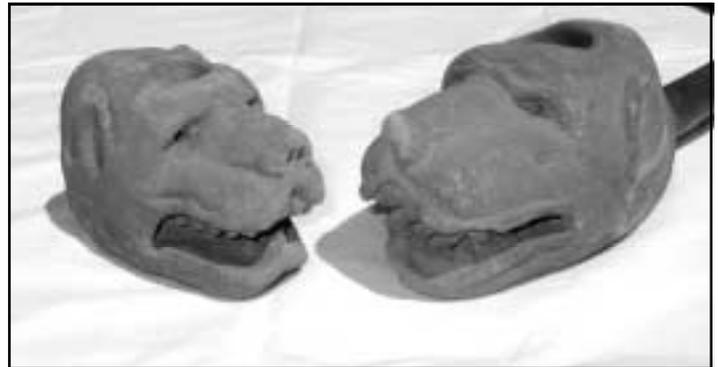
I grew frightened at the reception the pipe had received, especially when fancy prices began to be offered for it, and it was proposed to make plaster casts of it for presentation to the principal museums of America. A joke was a joke—but such deception became fraud.

I went to my father for advice as to how to get [out] of the jam into which I had gotten myself. He said, "Don't fret, I'll fix it for you," and sent for George Smart, then a reporter of the Ross County Register, and told him the story of the making of the pipe. At the end of that week, the

Ross Co. Register appeared with a column and a half humorous account of the discovery of the pipe. They spoke of its rarity, its value in archaeology as pronounced by all the local "authorities," ending with a complete exposé of the facts.

Those who doubted my work remained unconvinced until I had made a duplicate of the first pipe and showed it to them as proof that I had made the first one; and that the strange stone from which it was made was easily to be found in the Main St. gully.

Both of Bennett's effigy pipes are in the Society's collection. The original was donated by local archaeologist Albert C. Spetnagel, one of the brothers involved in the "find," and the duplicate by the Bennett family.



The two effigy pipes made by John Bennett in the Ross County Historical Society Collection

The details from the other incident from John Bennett's childhood was shared only with his closest friends, members of a secret club known as "FSB." It was so secret that the meaning of the letters was never disclosed.

On June 21, 1878, Perry Bowsher was hanged after being found guilty and sentenced to die for the brutal murders of Edmund and Ann McVey during a robbery of the tollgate on the Columbus Turnpike (Route 23). The execution took place on the Public Square between the courthouse and the jail (now used as the probate archives). Public hangings always drew a big crowd, and on that day thousands turned out to witness the carrying out of the sentence. Thirteen-year-old John Bennett was among them.

Bowsher was buried that same day in Greenlawn Cemetery. Late that night, several members of the medical profession exhumed the body and removed it to one of the empty rooms in the Clinton House at the southwest corner of Water and Walnut St. Their purpose was to examine Bowsher's brain to see if they could prove insanity. The disinterment and actions of the doctors were discovered by a reporter at the *Scioto Gazette*, who was able to acquire information on their findings. He reported on what he had learned in the June 26th edition of the paper; however, he did not reveal the source of his information.

An autopsy was held by those having the body. He was found to have been in a state of almost perfect health....A marked peculiarity was found in the skull, it being remarkably thin all over, with two spots each about the size of a silver dime, on the top of the head, where the skull was not thicker than a wafer, there being an indentation in the inner side of the skull into which the brain pressed. These spots were so thin that when the skull was held up to



Perry Bowsher

the light, they looked like a pair of eyes, the light being plainly reflected through them. They were situated about one inch in the rear of the coronal suture and an inch from the sagittal suture, where we believe phrenologists locate the seat of veneration, or hope. There was an adhesion of the dura mater, or outer covering of the brain, to the skull at these points, indicating the probability that at one time there was inflammation there. The brain, however, was found in a healthy condition, perfectly normal in every respect.

The conclusion of the doctors was that it was "impossible to say what effect the phenomena would have, if any, upon the mental condition of the man." The body was not reinterred, and its disposition was explained in a letter Bennett wrote on July 30, 1947, to his old friend, Gregg Wolfe.

I see by an item in the Chillicothe (Scioto) Gazette, that you have given the Ross County Museum's Historical Collection, a photo of the old toll-house on the Columbus Pike where Perry Bowsher killed the McVeys. I can a tale unfold.

As you doubtless know, Bowsher's body was resurrected from Green Lawn cemetery and dissected by a group of Chillicothe surgeons in a room in the then vacant upper apartments of the Clinton House.

His skull proved peculiar, and was preserved by one of those engaged. I do not know its final disposal. The

*remainder of his bones lay exposed to sun, dew and rain on a rear shed roof behind the old residence and office of Dr. J. B. Searce, on West Second street.**

*Just what the intention was I have never known. Cats and rats made off with small oddments, and beetles and ants made merry with the rest. With the head gone and many small items carried off by the felines and rodents from the alley, there would have been no sense in trying to reconstruct the skeleton. Those sorry old bones lay there all summer, the sport of the elements, until, one night in late September, 1876,** a boy, living in the neighborhood, a large market basket in hand, scrambled over Dr. Searce's back fence and ice house roof, gathered the remains together, bore them away undetected, kept them a little while to chatter his teeth with youthful pleasure in the macabre and gruesome, and then, one quiet, star-lit night, dug him a hole beneath the green sod of his own backyard and gave the poor devil's remnants rest. They are still resting there, unless time has dispersed their elements.*

*Dr. Searce's residence and office at that time was located at 59 W. Second St., across the street from the Bennett house.

** The year should have been 1878.



A few of the boys in the F.B.S. Club posed for the above photograph with Perry Bowsher's thigh bones and a skull they borrowed from Dr. William Waddle. John Bennett is seated on the left. The other boys named on the back of the picture, although not appearing in the order given, are Sam Kline, Joe Wood, Walter Poland, Charles Waddle (son of Dr. Waddle), and Walter Hoyt.

From the Photo Archives, by Lisa Hess

The Groundhog Regiment

The 26th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was organized at Camp Chase and was mustered into service on July 26, 1861. They re-enlisted as a veteran organization on January 1, 1864, and were finally mustered out on October 21, 1865.

Company B of the 26th OVI was organized in Ross County. It was known as the "Fullerton Rifles" because its members were armed and uniformed by Dixon Fullerton, a Chillicothe merchant. The uniforms were comprised of "a dark blue frock coat, light blue pants, and dark blue French fatigue cap all trimmed in green."

While in service, the regiment traveled 10,667 miles. Of this distance, 2,888 miles were on foot; 3,922 miles by railroad, generally in freight, hog or cattle cars; and 2,796 miles by water, always as "deck passage."



Corporal Leopold Spetnagel, Co. B, enlisted on June 17, 1861, at age 19 and died January 1, 1863, from wounds received at La Vergne, Tennessee, on December 27, 1862. He appears to be wearing the uniform bought by Dixon Fullerton for the local "Fullerton Rifles."

bury itself with a bayonet and half a canteen, or a spoon, and the expedition with which it could construct a line of more elaborate field works, and the frequency with which it was called upon to do so, caused the boys to liken themselves to groundhogs and finally to call the regiment, with some pride, the 'Groundhog Regiment.'

After the war the veterans organized themselves into the 26th Ohio Association with the purpose of keeping in contact with fellow war brothers. They held annual reunions in towns where companies were organized.



Above is a photo of a reunion of the 26th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Chillicothe, August 5 and 6, 1885.

Back Row: Joseph M. Hull, George R. Hull, Phillip Kunzelman, John H. Daily, Samuel Conrad, James Smith, M.W. Kelley

2nd Row: Edward Tuttle, William H. Flack, Joseph Withrow, Peter Hasting, Josephus F. Doty, E.R. Rebstock, Lewellyn Williams, William H. Walker, Henry C. Taylor, Ephraim Hanks.

3rd Row: Fernando Gitchell, Samuel F. Robinson, Capt. Nathaniel Potter, J.A. Trehearne, Joseph Williams, Adjutant John T. Raper, Edward B. Sprague, Daniel Chestnut, Lawrence Pross, Allen R. James, John P. McDougall, Quartermaster Augustine Spetnagel.

Front Row: Capt. John H. James, Morris Renick, Samuel G. Fry, William Worline, Lyman Gardner, Sanford A. Olmsted, George Slack, Timothy Morehouse, H.C. Durham, Thomas S. Rogers, Edward Thompson, John C. Gunther, Vernon Kilbourn, A.C. Kopp, Lewis C. Amberg.

Sources:

* *The 26th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, The Groundhog Regiment*, by Jeffrey A. Hill, 2010.

* *Roster of Survivors of the Twenty-Sixth Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry*, August 1901.

A Friendly Reminder

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Cover of the Roster of Survivors of the Twenty-Sixth Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, published in August 1901.

The bloodiest day for the regiment occurred on September 19, 1863 at the Battle of Chickamauga when it lost 56% of its fighting force. The 26th OVI served in 26 campaigns, including Shiloh, Corinth, Nashville, Stone's River, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Kennesaw Mountain and Atlanta. Members of the 26th Regiment are buried in thirteen states.

The 26th adopted the nickname "The Groundhog Regiment" because the rodent's agility and determination epitomized the regiment's strengths. Secretary of the post war 26th Association explained, "... from the facility with which the regiment could

Recent Acquisitions of the Museum and Library

(Listed in order received since the last issue of the Recorder)

16. Will – “Last Will And Testament Of Richard Enderlin”, Chillicothe, Ohio, May 4, 1929; Passport – Mrs. Richard Enderlin, Mary Schmidt, April 1854, donated by, M. Lee Ferguson.
17. Book – *Your World, Let's Visit A Paper Mill*, copyright 1969; Blueprints – of local residences, 1936 – 1939, donated by Al Heierman.
18. Holy Bible – Edinburg, 1790, donated by Robert W. Clayton.
19. Advertising and Political ephemera – late 20th century, donated by Kevin Coleman.
20. Book – *100 Years of Caring, A History of Medical Center Hospital*, by Janice Brown Steele, c. 1995, donated by Brenda Dreitzler.
21. Souvenir – piece of Logan Elm, mounted, donated by Marilyn Haning Scott.
22. Photographs – (2) of Carl Bucy and Jess Fout and of A & P employees, c. 1956, donated by Jean Foor.
23. Book – *Souvenir of the Chillicothe Driving Park Co.*, Letter – from F. C. Arbenz undated; Letter – to Champion Bed Lounge Co., 1901, donated by Johnny Frump.
24. Print – framed, of train & airplane, 1929; Romper – gym uniform that belonged to Jacinta Marks, c. 1970, donated by Emily Marks.
25. Photographs – (4) military units at Camp Sherman, c. 1918, donated by Arthur Herbert Wasserstron.
26. Carte-de-visite – of soldier and woman, c. 1864; Photograph – Pop Stand in the City Park, donated by William E. Garrison.
27. Yearbooks – (8) *Unioatoan*, 1960-1969, donated by Phillip W. Putnam.
28. Announcement – Dept. of G.A.R. encampment, June 15-17, 1897; Tops – (3) wooden, 19th century, donated by Dave Medert.
29. Newspaper – *Chillicothe News Advertiser*, Special Flood Edition, March 29, 1913; Photographs – 1913 flood scenes; Photograph – two men in early automobiles, donated by Gary Lytle.
30. Books – (2) *The Field Guide Art of Roger Tory Peterson*, 1990, donated by Howard & Sara Foor.
31. Book – *Colonels in Blue*, 2011, written and donated by Roger D. Hunt.
32. Letters – (4) of Nannie Woodside Clark, 1896; Invitation – to Jonathan Woodside from the President of the U. S., c. 1835; Certificate – (photocopy) Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania by Jonathan Woodside, 1778, donated by Jeffery Schlosberg.
33. Hand Bell – c. 1930; Photographs – local flood scenes and train wreck, c. 1935, donated by Edna Anne Smith.
34. Envelope & Stamp – First Day Issue “Ohio Celebrates 200 Years”, March 1, 2003; Stamp Booklet – “Old Glory”; Doll House – 1954; Books – (3), donated by Jane Hilty.
35. Booklet – *Choice Recipes*, First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1939; Fans – (4) paper, c. 1950, donated by Nancy Bleil.
36. Toy Typewriter – tin, “De-luxe Dial Typewriter”, c. 1935, donated by Melissa Darby.
37. Purse & Shoes – women’s c. 1970, donated by Helen Phillips.
38. Book – *Ireland of the Dispatch*, 2010, RCHS Acquisition.
39. Photographs & Negatives – including Army Air Corps Officer Kenneth Banfield, c. 1945, donated by Caroline Whitten.
40. Prints – (2) black & white ink drawings of RCHS Museum, by Bobbi Benson, donated by Judy Benson.
41. Magazine – *Timeline*, January-March, 2011, donated Ron Bowen.
42. Boots – mid-19th century, remnants of two pairs of men’s boots, donated by Tom Kuhn.
43. Military Scrip – WWII; Japanese Currency – 50 Sen, 1938; Marking Spikes – for R.R. ties, donated by Bob Nelson.
44. Doll – c. 1960; Teddy Bear – 2002; Books; Souvenirs – from local Schools and businesses, donated by Lisa Hess.
45. Photographs – (16) local scenes including Mound City, VA Hospital, c. 1932, donated by Donna McCollough Ballmer.
46. Photograph – large tintype, woman’s portrait, donated by Darwin Drake.
47. Postcards – (2) Camp Sherman, 1918, donated by Mahoning Valley Historical Society.
48. Booklet – *As Seen in Ladies Home Journal Twin State Flower Quilts*, 1955, donated by Pat Heierman.
49. Clothing – women’s & children’s, early 20th century, donated by Barbara Withers.
50. Streetlamp & pole – early 20th century, from Chillicothe, donated by Frank Tomastik Jr.
51. Pastel Portrait – of Dr. John Erdmann Aldrich, 1978; Plaques – (2) presented to Dr. John E. Aldrich for recognition of service, c. 1975, donated by Ann Aldrich.
52. Booklet – *Economy 1837, Hallsville, 1937*, 1937, donated by Kathryn Janes.
53. Book – *Prehistoric Stone Tools*, copyright 2010, donated by Dr. Lewis Coppel.
54. Program – from the Majestic Theater for the play “Dulcy”, after 1915, donated by Joe Cook.

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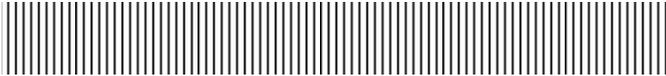
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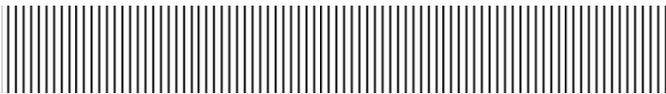
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